

Show and Tell

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Wherever we go, whether together as a congregation or separate as individuals we go together because we are united in spirit and we are united in assignment. This is something that is really powerful and it is something that God orchestrates. We are united as a people.

Each one of us, when you make Jesus Lord and Saviour of your life, you are separated. You are no longer the person you were before you got saved. Some get called to a specific ministry, called by God. Paul and Barnabas were messengers of God sent to talk to the proconsul. (Acts 13:8) A false prophet was also speaking a false message to the proconsul. He presented his truth and not God's truth. The spiritual authority in Paul stopped the false prophet.

When the power of the Spirit of God becomes present and evident, things change. Things change, and that was something that the spirit that was controlling the false prophet could never anticipate. The power of the Spirit of God in Paul that took charge of that situation and changed the outcome. Because demon spirits, dark spirits, only do what they know what to do. That's all they can do.

Sometimes for us as a ministry, us as a people to make progress, God has to intervene in our lives in some way where the Word of God comes with the power of the Spirit, so that things can change by the power of the Spirit, not just by the preaching of words. Sometimes God will have the Spirit of God do something that will just intervene in a situation that doesn't seem logical why something would happen.

There is a witness, and God has established this as a principle both in the heavens and on the earth. We are currently being witnessed. There's a great cloud of people that the Word of God calls as a great cloud of witnesses. What are they witnessing? They are witnessing what we do. They are a witness to everything we do.

If you are a witness to something, it means you attest to a fact or an event. One that gives evidence specifically, or one who testifies in a cause or before a judicial tribunal. One who has personal knowledge of something. Something serving as evidence or proof.

A witness is an important thing because there are things that are happening on the earth that are happening in your life and in my life. There are things that are happening in heaven, we have a great cloud of witnesses and they are witnessing what's going on.

Why do they need to be a witness? Because there are dark spirits, evil spirits that are against the church that want to testify false messages against the church. They want to present false ideologies to be accepted by the world. The witnesses in heaven testify to the fact that we're doing what we're doing. So, we need to be the church. You've got more power on this earth than you can ever imagine because there's a whole bunch of eternal things happening because of us that you can't see, but they're happening. They're happening and every so often things happen and the enemy shows up and reveals himself.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon us and the Holy Spirit is in us, He is witnessing. He is witnessing the Life of God.

Pastor John declaration:

There is a witness amongst this group of people about the power of God that has come into this assembly, into this ecclesia. There is a power of God that has come here. The power of God that

has come amongst us, has become a witness to all of us and this witness that we have witnessed has created a level of obedience and sacrifice from all of us.

To those that are giving themselves to God, thank you. For those that are giving their possessions, and their wealth, and their substance to this witness, thank you. There are those that have made big and bold decisions. Parents have made big and bold decisions to allow their children to follow God. On behalf of the Lord Jesus, I say, "Thank you." This morning, He is bearing witness to you, and as a witness to you, He is affirming what you have done.

To the young people that are making a decision to follow after God, thank you. You are a witness. You are a testimony of the resurrection power of Jesus. The resurrection power of Jesus is in your commitment. It is in your willingness to give yourself to the plans, the purposes, the ways of God.

I feel very strongly led by the Holy Spirit to make this declaration that the power of God that is available to us, we haven't even yet seen it. We are only but in the beginning stages of the glory and the power of God that is yet to manifest in its fullness amongst us. And we are truly only at the beginning stages of what God is going to reveal to us, the wonders of His person, the glory of His being, the move of the Holy Spirit amongst us. And it's going to be mighty and glorious. We are already experiencing glory, but it's a glory that is about our witnessing in one soul and one mind. But there is a power that is yet to be unlocked in the power of the message of the resurrection, the renewal, the coming up of us as the Body of Christ, and great grace is resting upon us. Great grace is resting upon us.

So, I want to encourage you all that you may feel like this has been a testing time, a trying time because there's been a lot of stuff going on here. And there's been a test of your commitment. There's been a test of sacrifice. But I'm here to encourage you by the Holy Spirit this morning and to tell you that you should not allow the power of your witness to be removed from you now. Do not feel weakened by the passage of time, by the pressures that have come through the passage of time, by the pressures of things that don't seem to have yet fully come into evidence yet. God is with us. God is with us. God is with us. God is with us. Hallelujah. God is with us. Praise Jesus. Praise Jesus. Praise Jesus. God is with us. God is with us. Hallelujah. Praise the name of Jesus. Praise the name of Jesus. Praise the name of Jesus. Hallelujah.

I also want to make this declaration under the inspiration and the leading of the Holy Spirit. I speak to those that are in this auditorium today, and those that might be watching that are part of this community, that might be watching online today. I speak to you and I declare that just as false teachers, false messages, alternative messages, things that come to your mind that are not true, that come from other sources besides the truth of the gospel, that might cloud your mind, that are preventing you from having a breakthrough, like that consul, the proconsul had, that there was an interference in the truth coming to them. I declare in the name of Jesus that all that spirit activity that's controlling your mind, that's been bogging you down, that's been holding you, I speak to it now and I command it to leave you, in the name of Jesus. I speak to that darkness and I say, "You must leave!" And it must be gone from you, in the name of Jesus. That darkness will be lifted from your mind, and your eyes will see, and you will begin to experience the wonders of the glory of Jesus Christ, and the gospel that is being preached to you. Hallelujah. Praise the name of Jesus. Praise the name of Jesus. Hallelujah. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Jesus.